

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

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The Monthly Report on the General Situation in the Republic of Yemen (May 2020)



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POLITICAL PREFACE

1. The war of the US and its tools (KSA and UAE) on Yemen were not limited to the military side, despite their brutality, ruthlessness, and criminality in this side. According to impartial international reports, they have violated the rules of international humanitarian law and human rights in an unprecedented way in the modern world .
2. Nevertheless, the aggressive war against Yemen, people and land, still has many unethical and inhuman aspects. These aspects include the deliberate misleading role of the media, hiding the evident facts, and working to get rid of the consequences of crimes against Yemen by working with various tools, such as media, as well as some UN reports, unfortunately, purchased with Saudi and Emirati money. This systematic work is still going on with a view to attach such crimes to the non-acting tools and distract attention from the real perpetrator, i.e. the American administration from whose Capital this brutal war had been declared and fueled by its weapons, warplanes and military tanks, logistical support and its daily and intense political coverage in all international forums.
3. It has become quite clear to the orphans and widows of thousands of martyrs targeted by America in this war that it is only America, which is the spearhead of this brutal and unjustified aggression against Yemeni people for six years of killing and siege.
4. However, the grieved Yemeni people are still waiting for the free and honest people of the world, especially those in America and Europe, not to be fooled by the misleading media, which attempt to attach this war and its crimes to their tools in the region. However, such tools should bear a humanitarian and legal responsibility for participating in this brutality against Yemeni people. It is also absurd and ridiculous to associate these crimes with the mercenaries of the countries of aggression, whether they hold Yemeni or any other nationality and under any titles, they endow them and create for them baselessly from scratch. They call them ministers, presidents and military leaders, whereas everyone knows that they live under the auspices and sponsorship of the Aggression Coalition Countries. They merely stay in hotels and receive daily expenses from the embassies of those countries, even though they do not have any legitimate, legal or popular bases.
5. When does the global human conscience wake and emerge against this brutal war? Are the honorable people all over the world willing to say boldly to America “Stop killing the peaceful Yemeni people”?

ECONOMIC SITUATION

6. War coalition countries against Yemen are still interrupting the payment of the salaries of 80% of Yemeni civil servants, despite the huge revenues, including tax revenues in land and seaports, and revenues from selling gas, as well as the revenues of ports, which have been deposited into CBY in Aden, since it was moved in August 2016.
7. The value of the Yemeni currency is deteriorating against foreign currencies, especially in the governorates occupied by the countries of the war coalition. Citizens are living in the worst humanitarian situation in the world, aggravated by the spread of Coronavirus pandemic, which is ravaging Yemenis.
8. Statistics published by the Trading Economics for economic indicators, energy information and average crude oil price, citing the World Bank, revealed that the average quantity of oil produced by Yemen from January 2019 until April 2020 reached 25,830,000 barrels. According to the statistics, the total revenues collected by the so-called Yemeni government in Riyadh from oil exports during this period amounted to \$ 1,327,466,790. This would be sufficient to pay the salaries of all Yemeni civil and military employees for nearly one year. Meanwhile, the National Salvation Government in Sana'a is trying to pay half salary for the month of January 2018 to all civil servants (civilians, military, and retired), including those in the occupied governorates.

Statistics of the economic and agricultural establishments targeted by the Saudi-led coalition air strikes in various governorates during the month of (May 2020)

Enterprise	Size of damage			Notes
	Destroyed	Damaged	Total	
Tank and Water Pumps	11	13	24	Including wells, pumps, reservoirs, water networks and irrigation projects
Agricultural Fields	35	40	75	Including all types of farms as well as agricultural nurseries and equipment
Cattle	40		40	Including sheep, cows, camels, donkeys and others
Poultry Farms	2		2	
Food Trucks	18	6	24	
Airports		1	1	
Commercial Facilities		27	27	
Markets	1		1	

9. War Coalition on Yemen intentionally targeted the economy with a view to increase the suffering of citizens and widening the poverty circle among them. Their warplanes launched a number of raids on Afar Customs Outlet in Al-Bayda province, resulting in the damage and burning of 11 locomotives loaded with foodstuffs.
10. The National Salvation Government in Sana'a has decided to exempt drug and medical supplies factories from customs duties related to pharmaceutical production inputs. Besides, medicines and a number of basic commodities, such as wheat and rice, have been exempted from the General Sales Tax (GST) within the Economic Recovery Program of the National Salvation Government.
11. The Saudi-led war coalition countries intransigently continue to impose unjust blockade through piracy actions in seizing and restricting the movement of 15 ships loaded with oil derivatives, foodstuffs and medicines, which cover 80% of the needs of Yemeni population, to the port of Hodeidah for more than 80 days, despite having the UN pass permit documents after inspection.
12. The detention of oil derivatives and food-laden ships has led to an increase in the shipment costs of imported materials, especially foodstuffs, medicines and oil derivatives, in which the demurrage has exceeded 66 million and 185 thousand dollars due to the seizure of oil derivative vessels.
13. The detention of ships by war coalition countries in the Red Sea has created a suffocating crisis among most citizens, increasing their suffering and consequently widening the circle of poverty among a number of them. Besides, a number of hospitals and health centers have been disrupted, and transportation has stopped. Meanwhile, the National Salvation Government is striving to confront the Coronavirus pandemic with the simple capabilities available to it. The government has warned the United Nations of the consequences and effects of those measures taken by war countries on the Yemeni people. This has had an impact and will significantly affect the government's efforts to combat the spread of the deadly Coronavirus (COVID-19).

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

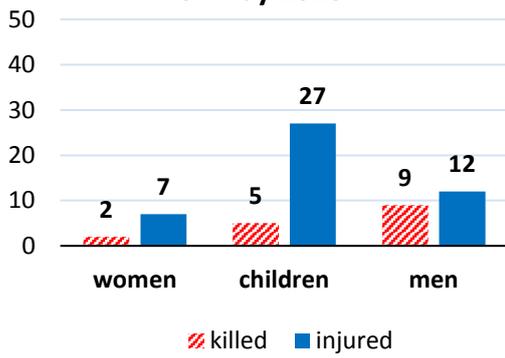
14. The humanitarian situation in Yemen is deteriorating as a result of the ongoing war on Yemen for the sixth consecutive year by the US-British-backed war coalition on Yemen led by Saudi Arabia and UAE. In addition, such humanitarian situations were described by the United Nations as the worst in the world.
15. Yemen is facing the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) with a collapsed health sector that was destroyed by coalition warplanes raids, and in the absence of medicines and medical supplies due to the coalition blockade.
16. The countries of the war coalition against Yemen played a prominent and major role in introducing COVID-19 into Yemen by deporting Yemeni and non-Yemeni expatriates from the UAE and Saudi Arabia without taking the necessary precautions to check them medically and to ensure that they are free from the virus.
17. The war coalition countries took the transfer of Coronavirus (COVID-19) to Yemen as a method of warfare and did not observe the legal and moral obligations contained in international humanitarian law and international human rights law that criminalize the practice of such acts.
18. COVID-19 has emerged in different regions and governorates including Sana'a, the Capital Secretariat. The Ministry of Health in Sana'a works to provide the necessary healthcare for COVID-19 confirmed cases, following up those who mixed up with them and monitoring their cases. According to the Ministry of Health reports, the rate of COVID-19 recovered cases in Yemen amounts to more than 80% of total cases that emerged in Sana'a, the Capital Secretariat, and a number of other governorates.
19. COVID-19 patients are treated on the basis of their human rights and that they have dignity and right to healthcare and treatment, and not as numbers on the stock exchange dashboard where media outlets race to present, spreading terror and intimidation among societies and reducing morale among patients and their families.
20. Official authorities in Sana'a are keen to deal with coronavirus pandemic based on creating a state of reassurance and enhancing precautionary measures to the highest levels. It is a different method from that global terrorism, practiced by many countries with their citizens, spreading fear and terror among them and consequently causing death to many of them.

21. The Ministry of Health relied on the available means to face the Coronavirus pandemic due to the inefficiency of the tests provided by the World Health Organization. This has contributed to the failure to provide an accurate number of the confirmed cases.
22. In Aden, dozens of COVID-19 death cases are announced and other confirmed cases are still in need of life-saving treatment. However, international organizations, especially UN-related organizations, did not respond to their calls. The hospitals of Sana'a, the Capital Secretariat, had to receive a number of them, follow them up and provide appropriate treatment to save their lives through self-efforts, despite the international organizations' neglect and failure.
23. The forces of the war coalition countries go on besieging, starving and killing Yemeni people aggressively and brutally by impeding the arrival of ships of oil derivatives, domestic gas, foodstuffs, medicine and other urgent needs to the port of Hodeidah, despite completing all inspection procedures in Djibouti according to the UN mechanism of verification and inspection. All this is taking place, while the world is mobilizing all its forces to face COVID-19 pandemic, which ravages all humanity. As a result of this pandemic, Yemenis face the risk of death amidst a blockade that prevents the entry of oil derivatives ships needed to supply hospitals to face the threat of the virus. The lives of millions of Yemenis are threatened due to the lack of health and logistical capabilities to face diseases and epidemics. This has contributed to spread of the disease that is killing the Yemenis.
24. The countries of War Coalition on Yemen were not confined to the blockade, an arbitrary measure in violation of international law, but have also closed Sana'a airport since August 2018, giving no attention to humanity. This has intensified the suffering of patients and travelers, as they need to travel through Sayun or Aden airports. It takes them three days to reach the airport by land. Some patients are exposed to death on the way, while some others are unable to travel due to the failure to afford overland travel for three days. On the other hand, some of these travelers have been kidnapped, arrested, violently tortured and inhumanly mistreated.
25. The suffering of Al-Durayhimi city inhabitants is tragic due to the ongoing siege by the mercenaries of the war coalition countries. This is considered a war crime and a premeditated crime against humanity committed in public. All this is happening in full view of the United Nations, its envoy to Yemen, and its mission that oversee the implementation of the Stockholm Agreement for Hodeidah, the agreement that the UN tries to convince the world that it could not be implemented. In the context of its policy of double-dealing, the UN seeks to depict what is happening in Yemen as a Yemeni-Yemeni conflict, giving no reference to the external parties that are waging war on Yemen, led by the US, KSA and UAE. The UN is well aware that it the US that stands behind the impediment of the Swedish Agreement implementation and behind the decision to continue the war and the blockade. It rejects any initiatives that would solve the Yemeni political and economic file and instructs its agents in the region, KSA and UAE, to escalate their attacks in Hodeidah. Failure to implement the relevant Swedish Agreement has further exacerbated the tragedy of Yemen. Consequently, the health sector is incapable to face COVID-19 pandemic.

CRIMES AND VIOLATIONS

26. The countries of war coalition on Yemen continue to target civilians and their property in their homes and roads without considering the provisions and rules of international humanitarian law.
27. The suffocating siege on Al-Durayhimi District in Hodeidah Governorate and the repeated and ongoing violations in the absence of representatives of the United Nations and its organizations in Hodeidah is a flagrant violation of the rules and provisions of international humanitarian law.
28. During the month of May 2020, the Saudi-led countries of war coalition against Yemen continued to use their warplanes to launch a number of air strikes on vital civilian places and facilities in various governorates of the Republic. The war coalition countries and their mercenaries used various heavy and light internationally- prohibited weapons to target populated areas.
29. The arbitrary restrictions imposed by the coalition countries continue to prevent the entry of ships loaded with the basic materials for the lives of Yemenis including foodstuffs, medicine and oil and gas derivatives through Hodeidah seaport. There are still more than 18 ships loaded with oil derivatives and foodstuffs at sea, despite having the UN pass permit documents to enter Hodeidah seaport after inspection.

Civilian Victims during the Month of May 2020

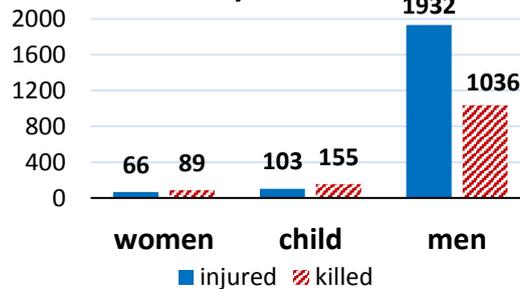


Statistics for Victims During the Month of May 2020

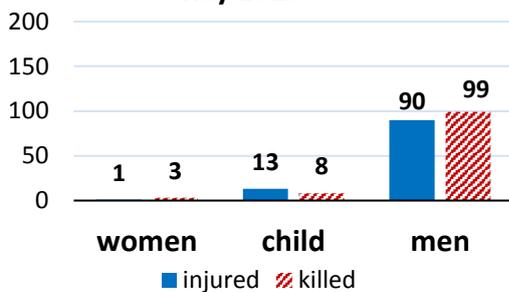
9	killed	5	killed	2	Killed
12	injured	22	injured	7	injured
Dead		Total Victims		Wounded	
16		62		46	

HAPPENED ON THIS MONTH (May of Previous Years)

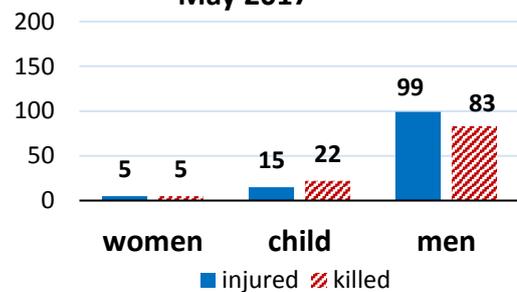
Victim Statistics in the Month of May 2015



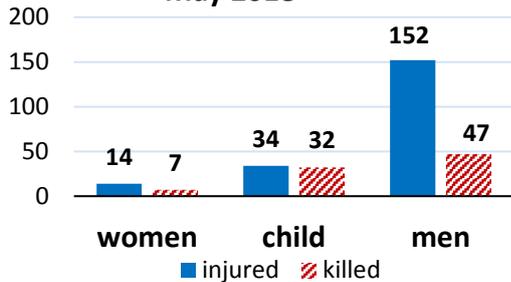
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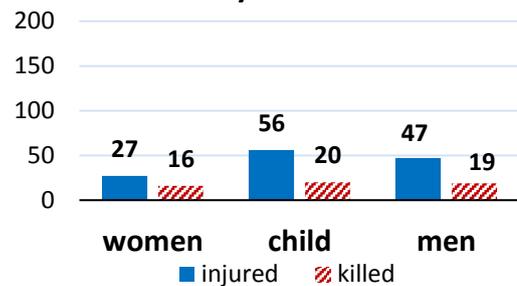
Victim Statistics in the Month of May 2017



Victim Statistics in the Month of May 2018



Victim Statistics in the Month of May 2019



Statistics of the number of air raids and missile and artillery bombing launched by the Saudi-led Coalition this month in various provinces (May 2020)

Governorate	Air Raid	Rocket Bombing	Artillery Bombing	Cluster Bombs	Sound Bombs	Light Bombs	Drone	Warships	Total Number
al Bayda	97								97
al Jawf	194								194
Hodeidah		1,633	2,465						4,098
al Dhale'e	15								15
Taiz			50						50
Hajjah	116							8	124
Saada	221	520	911						1,652
Sana'a	16								16
Marib	287								287
TOTAL	946	2,153	3,426	0	0	0	0	8	6,533

Statistics of Destroyed and Damaged Facilities During May 2020



STORY OF THE MONTH

(Um Omar... Between War and COVID-19!)

Omar (a pseudonym) is a worker in construction, known as ‘*Shaqi*’, as workers in building sites in Yemen are called. His father died when he was nine years old; and he has six brothers living with his mother .

"We have been living in very difficult conditions, i.e. war and siege for more than five years, and now Coronavirus pandemic," says Um Omar. She wonders, "Everyone talks about the necessity of staying at home. How can we face hunger? What would my little children feed on?" Even relief organizations have closed their doors because of lack of funds from abroad. Therefore, Omar did not accept to stay at home and went to work. One day, he returned from work tired and exhausted. He lied down in the corner of the house, waiting for death or survival.

Um Omar says, "We cannot take him to any hospital, as hospitals are almost empty of everything. We don't know why WHO ignores us?" WHO has not yet been able to provide hospitals with the basic materials to face COVID-19 pandemic. There are no ventilators, medicines and treatments. She continues, "I only hope that God will save the life of Omar and help him overcome his illness. His brothers and I need him badly, as he is our only provider. We have overcome the difficult conditions set by the war, but we will never be able to overcome hunger and disease. We have nothing but supplication to God, the Almighty, to have our son, Omar, cured."